

REMARKS

Applicants' claims 50, 51, 61, 62, 66 and 67 remain pending. Applicants appreciate and thank the Examiner for finding claims 50, 51, 61, 62, 66 and 67 allowable if rewritten in independent form. In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.114 and 1.116, these claims have each been rewritten in independent form with all limitations of the base claim and all other claims have been canceled in compliance with the rules and Office Action.

On Wednesday, August 30, Examiner was telephoned regarding what was most certainly an unintended omission of claim 66 as an allowable claim. Applicants' Attorney identified the claim and specifically pointed to the parallel wording of claim 66 to claims 50 and 61, such that by finding both pairs of claims – 50 & 51 and 61 & 62 allowable if rewritten in independent form, it follows that if claim 67 would be allowable as with claims 50 and 62, then claim 66 – the corresponding pair to claim 67 - would be allowable as well as claims 51 and 61. It was left for the Examiner to respond if there was some reason claim 66 should not be included. No response was received. Therefore, Applicant has included rewritten claim 66 with rewritten claims 50, 51, 61, 62, and 67, which were expressly found to be “allowable if rewritten in independent form....” Office Action, p. 5.

This amendment is not intended as an admission to the merits of the arguments made in the Office Action but merely to bring claims from this application to allowance.

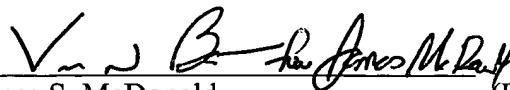
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Examiner's rejections have been obviated, leaving no impediment to the allowance of the present application.

If the Examiner believes a discussion of the above would be useful, he is invited to call the Applicant's attorney, James McDonald, at (212) 309-6719.

Respectfully submitted,

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